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For : SYSTEM AND METHODS )  
FOR FACILITATING )  
BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS )  
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following priority claim: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Appl. No. 60/142,287, filed July 2, 1999.--

On page 1, line 19, change "desirably" to --desirable--.

Please add the following "abstract of the disclosure" section to the application:

--Abstract of the Disclosure

An electronic commerce system provides various features for assisting customers in locating items and generating orders from a merchant's electronic catalog, and for assisting customers and merchants in communicating about such orders. A user-definable categories feature allows customers and/or merchants to define search queries for searching the electronic catalog, and to store these search queries under user-defined category names for subsequent use.